# CURRENT TOPICS.

AMERICAN oysters are being planted in TEN thousand women voted in Washington Territory.

Onto belles are cultivating freckles so as to be truly elite. A Long Island minister's wife has sloped with a Deacon.

F KHARTOUM has not fallen for a week or vo. What's the matter? Mas. Scoville, of Guiteau trial fame, is alling chromos for a livelihood.

THE average height of a man has been stimuted at five feet four inches. MRS. SOUTHWORTH is sixty-five years three o'clock the weather was calm, and no old and has written sixty-five books. A NEW YORKER suggests that one side of storm would rage. It swooped down suddenly on the unfortunate tongmen. In an instant all the schooners were capsized and their crews thrown into the raging waters. None were able to reach the shore. Bowers clung to the rigging, and after awhile caught hold of a piece of rope, with which he lashed himself to the mast. This morning the steamer Weems rescued him and brought him to Baltimore. It is thought as many as fifty lives were lost in the storm, and the wharves are thronged upon the arrival of every steamer from down the wharves are thronged upon the arrival of every steamer from down the bay. The storm seems to have done terribly fatal work in the Rappahannock River, and fears are entertained as to the fate of several vessels at that point. William Greshup, in the sempley of the Waeme Line of steamers.

he street cars be reserved for ladies. SINCE 1823 cholera has visited Europea. Russia three times and killed 1,600,000. ONE hundred Grand Rapid ladies are earning breadmaking at a cooking school. THE new Capitol at Bismarck, Dak., is aid to be the finest Territorial Capitol

Pittsburgh on the recent rise in the Ohio

THE man who has paid his election bets, and has a little left for Christmas, might

fare at a New Orleans restaurant during the Accomping to the Lisbon Official Gazette Portugal has 120,000 soldiers—big army, ittle country.

THE Attorney General has been requested to state whether the eight-hour law applies to letter-carriers. PRANCIS D. MOULTON,"the mutual friend"

f the Beecher-Tilton case, is dead of paralysis of the heart. Is the existing coolness increases it will not be long until France and England will

not speak as they pass by. One of the four living descendants of liver Cromwell is now the wife of General Harney, of St. Louis.

A TELEGRAPHIC dispatch was lately sent from Kansas City to Scotland and an answer eturned in forty minutes. Modeling in clay or wax is the fashions

pastime among young ladies with an undance of elegant leisure. A MAN in Connecticut failed two days after the arrival of his twin babies. Let

In the course of debate on the Franchise Bill, the other day, Gladstone paid a glow-ing tribute to President Garfield.

The statue of Commodore Perry has been shed at Florence, Italy, and will be oped soon for erection at Newport, R. I. THE robbery of money letters in the Mon-treal Post-office is confessed by J. O. A. Charlier. The prisoner is well connected.

HENRY SALESHIN, a printer, sets 1,800 ems every hour during the day's work, and promises to become a phenomenal compos-

uite gray and to bear on his face wrinkles of permature old age, induced by worry Assestos cloth is now used in Europe

for fire proof theatrical scenery. It costs three time more than linen and six times PIERRE PREFAUX, a blind beggar, died in Pittsburgh a few days ago, leaving over 5,000 on deposit in the Dollar Savings

Bank of that city A society belle in New York is said have recently paid \$500 for a pair of shoes. They were of white satin and embroidered with pearls at Tiffany's.

MR. ROBT. J. BURDETTE has ended his twelve years' connection with the Burling ton Hawkeye and will make his home per nanently at Ardmore, Pa.

THE Washington monument has cost \$1,-00,000. Of this sum, \$230,000 was collected by the society, and the remainder was appropriated by Congress. THE total number of hogs slaughtered annually in the United States is estimated

at 30,000,000, the average dressed weight eing 175 pounds each.

THERE is no law to prevent the Governor of Illinois from appointing himself if the Legislature, which is a tie, should fail to lect a United States Senator. A FRENCHMAN who recently died direct

ed in his will that the sum of five thousand lars should be given to the "wounded COL. SAMUEL RALSTON, father-in-lav of Frank James, but reported to be a very

estimable gentleman, is an aspirant for the postmastership of Independence, Mo. INSTRUCTIONS on the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system are now recommended by pedagogical so-cieties in a number of the Eastern States. A NEBRASKA girl of nineteen calls her-

self the champion cowgirl of America, and she offers to ride a race, throw the lasso or shoot a match with any woman in the ntry who is disposed to dispute the

de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, made a sol-emn decree that no Jew should ever live within the limits of the town of Le and Mr. Israel Hart, an out-and-out Jew,

with 320 the previous week. Failures in the Western, Southern and Pacific States are above the average. The other sections codifish skin, when properly tanned, makes elegant leather; it is of a pearl-gray color and very tough. We thought the codish ve been made for something else

THE Prince of Naples, King Hum ir, a lad of fifteen, is weak in mind and body. His parents are first cousins. His shment is talking Engh, which he learned from English

MISS NELLIE ARTHUR, assisted by daughter of Chief Justice Waite, is busily aged in raising the funds for a Christmas dinner for a crowd of poor children in Washington who were beneficiaries of the same more favored children last year. DR. JOHN BUCK, of Bedminster, England

administered bichloride, of methylene as

an anasthetic to a patient and put him out of pain and out of existence in less than ABRAHAM SHAFFER, of Bedford County Pa., while sitting behind a log imitating the cry of a turkey, was himself mistaken for a

turkey by another hunter, who, seeing only Mr. Shaffer's head and hearing the cry, fired and put six shot in Mr. Shaffer's head A SIMPLE and effective remedy for a

einder or other hard substance in the eye, may be found in one or two grains of flax-, which can be placed in the eye without pain or injury. As they dissolve a nous substance is formed, which enps any foreign body that may be unde the lid, and the whole is easily washed out. en of these seeds should constitute a

A NEW YORK girl attempted to drown herself because her lover deserted her for her fair one. She said she thought the aw in this country was that her lover would be hanged for her death, and that would prevent his marrying the other girl.

CONNECTICUT now comes to the front with the story of a woman who died from the s of a snake-bite inflicted thirty years. ago. The symptoms in this case were exctly similiar to those in the Georgia case. uch as pain, nausea, swelling, spotted ap-searance of the flesh and an annual reapgrance of these manifestations on the same day and about the same hour.

### GONE DOWN.

A Number of Schooners Engulphed in the Chesapeake.

Been Lost.

one suspected that in a few hours a flerce

storm would rage. It swooped down sud

Iron Trade on the Lakes.

CLEVELAND, O., December 12-Complete

statistics collected by the Iron Trade Re-tice show receipts at all Lake Eric ports

uring the navigation season of 1884 of

1,833,117 tons iron ore, as against 1,692,680

tons last year, an increase over 1883 of about nine per cent. Total amount of iron ore on dock at all Lake Erie ports at the close of navigation, 1,038,135 tons; at the same time last year the amount on dock was 943,095 tons. At the

two principal receiving points for receipt and trans-shipment of Lake Superior iron ores, Cleveland and Ashtabula, the amount of surplus on dock, December I, was fifteen per cent. greater than at the same date

Berlin, December 12.-Count Herber

with King Leopold upon matters relating to the Congo Country. A proposition to abolish the slave trade in the Congo Coun-

try, will be submitted to the Conference

Committee at his session this evening by Sir Edward Malet, English delegate to the Conference. The proposal will be warmly supported by the American delegates and will look toward the entire abolition of the traffic both on the coast and in the interior. General Sanford has reserved the right to

bring his railway project before the Con-ference in the event of its rejection by the

Lost in Flames.

DETROIT, December 12.—This evening the

irls employed in the second story of Gray,

Teynton & Fox's candy factory were ter

the rear room, where they worked.

Brave Deed of a Fireman

LANCASTER, PA., December 12.-As

assenger train on the Reading and Co-umbus Railroad was running at the rate of

vening, the engineer saw a child on the

Christians Massacred by Turks.

LONDON, December 12.-A dispatch from

atrocities in Macedonia are increasing

Iwo hundred Christians have been mur

dered within the past few weeks, and three villages burned. Kidnapping is common, and inhabitants are afraid to leave their

The Week's Failures.

he last seven days in the United States

314; Canada, 34; total, 348, as compared

Mother and Daughter Fatally Burned.

LANCASTER, PA., December 12.-Lizza

Balbach, aged twenty-one, living on Chest-nut Hill, this county, was fatally burned

Wednesday afternoon by her clothing catching fire from the stove. The girl's mother was also dangerously burned while andeavoring to extinguish the flames.

Resurrection Sensation Exploded.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., December 12 .- Th

Egremont mystery has ceased by the open-ing to-day of Estelle Newman's grave and finding the body undisturbed.

The Cotton Crop.

WASHINGTON, December 12 .- Late re-

ports from the cotton districts indicate

Of Interest to Grape Growers.

Paris, December 11 .- A doctor claims to

we discovered the means of preventing

the rayage of polloxers by treatment with

arsenic. His experiments proved success

ful. Experiments on a large scale are now being made. The discovery excites great interest.

Cowboys' Duel.

PORTLAND, ORE., December 12.-Two

Idaho cowboys fought a duel with knives,

their left hands tied together. One re-ceived twelve stabs and the other seven-teen, and both died

Pension Allowed.

WASHINGTON, December 12 .- The House

at the evening session, passed ten pension bills, including one granting \$30 a month to

Miss Coleridge Married.

LONDON, December 11.-Mr. Adams and

New York, December 12.-Failures

dessa to the Times says:

are about as usual.

fied at the discovery of fire breaking ou

mittee at its session this evening by

marck has gone to Brussels to confe

Sr. Louis, December 11.-The fierce Forty or Fifty Lives Supposed to Have storm which swept over the city to-day caused the collapse of the largest gason ter of the St. Louis Gaslight Company The heavy snow caused one of the col-umns to fall about 1 o'clock to-night. The BALTIMORE, MD., December 12.-Twenty seven lives are so far known to have been friction which followed produced an lost during the terrible storm on the Chesa peaks Bay last night. The hurrican been seen in the city for years. A solid column of fire two hundred feet high shot in the air and illuminated the city from the western limits to the river. The loss by the gas explosion, on Fourteenth and Papin streets, is \$150,000. The gasometer, four hundred feet in circumference, containing forty thousand feet of gas, exploded, and is a complete wreck. A large amount of property in the vicinity was damaged. There was nobody hurt, but the engineer and fireman had a narrow escape. The explosion will prevent the company from carrying out its contract. B. Allen is President of the company. There is a little insurance on the works. been seen in the city for years. A solid truck a large number of schooners heavily oaded with oysters. It raged with un bridled fury until after midnight, tossing the schooners about on the waves like cockle shells. About thirty or forty men were upon the schooners known to be lost, and but one has been rescued as far as learned. Thirteen bodies have been recovered and brought to this city. Thomas Bowers, the sole survivor of the oyster fleet, stated that yesterday about

IWRECKED BY STORM.

High.

President's Message on the Treaty. Washington, December 11.—The follow ing is the message sent by the Presiden the Senate with the Spanish treaty:

To the Senate of the United States: I transmit herewith for consideration by the Senate, with a view to advising and con-senting to its ratification, the convention for commercial reciprocity between the United States and Spain providing for inti-mate and favored exchange of products with the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, which convention was signed at Madrid the 18th ul-timo.

convention was signed at Madrid the 18th ultimo.

The negotiations for this convention have been in progress since April last, in pursu anne of an understanding reached by the two Governments the 2d of January, 1884, for the improvement of commercial relation between the United States and the Spanisł Antilles by the eighth article, which both Governments engaged "to begin at one of the convention of the c

the Rappahannock River, and fears are entertained as to the fate of several vessels at that point. William Greshup, in the employ of the Weems Line of steamers, while driving across the bridge at Urbana with his wife and child during the storm, met with a narrow escape from drowning. The horse and carriage were blown over the bridge, throwing all three in the water. He succeeded in saving their lives, but his horse was drowned. Captain Kirwin, who arrived to-night from the scene of the disasters, said: "The men were thrown into the rough water, and were unable to swim ashore. Many of them clung to the boats for a time, but were finally washed away and drowned. Very few, if any of them, escaped." Two more bodies have been recovered, and many more are missing. It is scarcely possible that any of these latter have escaped death. The storm approached from the south-west, and its track was up the Rappahannock River, the waves running twenty-five feet high, with the wind blowing fifty miles an hour. When the storm came up the tongmen were at work near Monoskin, in the Rappahannock, and had their small skiffs, bateaux, flat-bottom scows and canoes quite heavily loaded with oysters. the admission free or under a favored scheme of duties of our own products—the benefits of such exchange to apply only to goods carried under the flag of the parties to contract. The removal on both sides, from vessels so privileged, of all tonnage dues and national imports, so that these vessels may ply unhindered between our ports and those of other contracting parties, though without infringing on the reserved home coasting trade. The removal or reduction of burdens on exported products of those countries coming within the benefits of the treaties and the swoidance of technical restrictions and penalties by which our intercourse with those countries is at present hampered." A perusal of the convention now submitted will suffice to show fully that it carries out the policy of intercourse thus announced.

I commend it to you in confident expectaduties of our own produc

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ion that it will receive your sanction. It doe tion that it will receive your sanction. It does not seem necessary to my present purpose to enter into detailed consideration of the many immediate and prospective advan which will flow from this convention t productions and our shipping interest.
CHESTER A. ARTHUR.
ERECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Decen

#### A Novel Idea.

WASHINGTON, December 11 .- President Arthur has signified to Commissioner General Morehead, who is here in the interest of the New Orleans Exposition, that he will comply with the request made yesterday to start the machinery of the Exposi-tion on the 16th, by electricity. A wire will be run directly from the Executive Mansion to the Exposition Building, and so arranged that when the President opens the cir-cuit in Washington the motive power will, by this act, be applied to the machinery in New Orleans. Members of the Supreme Court, delegations from the two houses of Court, delegations from the two houses of Congress, Cabinet officers and diplomatic representatives of foreign countries will be in attendance at the Executive Mansion, to witness the opening. This novel method of opening the Exposition meets with gen-

Whole Family Injured By a Loaded Gun. WHEELING, W. VA., December 11.-This morning John P. Hardin, who resides near In the rear room, where they worked. A rush was made for the front of the building, for the fire escape. In descending the ladder one girl fell, and was slightly hurt. Three were seen by a window, but the flames burst through and drove them back, and they were not again seen until the flames were subdued, when their bodies were discovered lying near the window. Their faces were burned black, but the bodies had not been touched. Littleton, accidently shot himself, his wife and four children while trying to extract the load from a shot gun. He was pounding the muzzle of the gun on the hearth-stone to jar out the load of slugs and shot, when the gun went off. Eighteen slugs took effect on the various members of the family. One slug broke Mrs. Harden's leg, and the baby had seven marks in the region of the abdomen. These two are the only ones seriously hurt.

Cleveland's Inauguration Boots. CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 11 .- A coemaker at Wytheville, a few days ago, rote to President-elect Cleveland, asking thirty miles an hour, near Ephrata, last for his measure for a pair of boots for his inauguration. Governor Cleveland replied in a polite note, inclosing a twenty-dollar bill for the boots. The shoemaker returned the money, but the Governor insisted on paying, and sent the money back, adding that he would wear the boots on inauguration day. track some distance ahead. He called the attention of the fireman, T. J. D. Calnan, to the fact, when the latter made his way to the pilot and grasped the child just as the engine was about to pass over it. The child was taken to Columbia to await identification.

Great Hurricane in Vienna

VIENNA, December 11.-A violent hurriane of three hours' duration raged here to-day. Railway trains, omnibusses and cabs were overturned. Many people injured. Shop windows were blown out, and goods on display scattered. Many high walls and roofs were destroyed. The storm unroofed fifty houses. People were dashed against walls by the violence of the gale and many had their limbs broken.

St. Petersburg, December 11.—Count Tolstoi, Minister of the Interior, has ordered the expulsion of all Jews residing in Odessa, Kieff, and other large cities, with foreign passports, unless they also possess special Government permits of residence. Jewish firms doing business in these cities are dismayed at the order, and many will probably be obliged to go into liquidation.

Probable Murder by a Policeman. CHICAGO, December 11.-Wm. Lynn,

wenty-two years old, died Tuesday night from blood-poisoning. It is now charged that a police officer, about a week ago, in directing some young men to move on, threw his club at Lynn, striking him on the head, causing a wound which resulted in his death. The matter will be investigated

Marshal of the Day Washington, December 12.—General Sheridan will be Marshal of the day for the celebration of the completion of the Wash-

ington Monument. Aged Ex-Congressman Dead. LANCASTER, PA., December 12.—John Strohm, member of Congress from this district from 1844 to 1848, died to-day, Fresh Cholera Cases in Spain. Madrid, December 11.—Fifteen cases of cholera and five deaths are reported at Te-giano, Province of Salerno.

Another Mine Explosion

WILKESBARRE, PA., December 11 .- Ow ing to the fan stopping at No. 10 Mine, at total crop of barely five and three-quarters million instead of six million bales, as was expected with the increased acreage of this Sugar Notch, this evening, gas accumula-ted in one of the chambers. A lamp with a miner caused an explosion. One miner was killed and three seriously burned. All were Polanders.

> Plymouth Church Membership. NEW YORK, December 12 .- At the annua eeting to-night of Plymouth Church (Rev Henry Ward Beecher's) 2,567 names were announced on the rolls of membership. S. V. White was re-elected Treasurer.

Colored Migration. PETERSBURG, VA., December 11.—A party of colored emigrants from Cheraw County, S. C., arrived to-night en route to Arkansas. The object of their emigration is to obtain more profitable employment.

**Testing the New Monitor** CHESTER, PA., December 11.—The official trial of the boilers and machinery of the U. S. ironciad monitor Puritan has been ted. The test was highly satisfac

Largest Gas Strike Yet. PITTSBURGH, December 11.—At Murrays ville, Pa., this afternoon the Fuel Gas Com pany struck the largest gas well on record, the pressure being nearly twice as strong as that of the great burning well. ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

A Solid Column of Fire Two Hundred Feet Attempt to Blow up London Bridge

with Dynamite. nce of the Cannibals Commuted to Six Months' Imprisonment-Minor Notes.

LONDON, December 14 .- A terrific explo sion occurred vesterday morning under the explosive material was thrown from the oridge, and striking the water burst into flame. The explosion was heard ten miles outside of London. At Woolwich arsenal the gates were shaken. The police think a boat containing the explosive with a burning fuse attached was allowed to drift beneath the bridge. A careful inspection of London bridge was made to-day. It was found that no injury to tui inspection of London bridge was made to-day. It was found that no injury to the structure whatever was done. A policeman who at the time of the explosion was standing on the top of the steps leading to the steamboat pier on the Surrey side of the river, with his back to the stream, says he saw a blinding glare, like a sheet of lightning, which was followed by a terrific report. He was almost stunned, and his helmet was blown some yards away by concussion. The houses damaged were on the Middlesex side, where the windows were smashed as far as Billingsgate Market. Several panes of glass were broken in Fishmongers' Hall, but otherwise the building received no damage.

London, December 14.—The sentence of Captain Dudley and Mate Stephens, the Mignonette cannibals, is commuted from hanging to six months' imprisonment without labor.

Vienna, December 14.—By an explosion

VIENNA, December 14.—By an explosion in the colliery of the Staatsbahn Company, at Anuna, Steyrdorf, South Hüngary, sev-enty-five men were killed, all husbands and fathers of families. LONDON, December 14.—At the Systen Park Library sale, Saturday, a Mazarin Bible fetched £3,900.

Convention of Masons of High Degree. Boston, December 14.—A Masonic Convention was held the past week of all Masons in the United States of America having taken "the ninetieth degree or having taken "the ninetieth degree or ninety-fifth degree of either the Rites of Memphis or Mizraim or thirtieth degree or thirty-fifth degree of the ancient and primitive rite, no matter when or from whom, or under what jurisdiction," for the purpose of "con-sidering the advisability of establishing a Union Sovereign Sanctuary, embracing all the mysteries of the above named rites from the fourth to the ninety-sixth degree from the fourth to the ninety-sixth degree inclusive, to be known as the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rie for the United States of America." The body organized with Judge Isaac H. Parish, of Michigan, as Most Illustrious Past Grand

Wild Ride Down a Mountain Side. DENVER, December 14.—Late last night, while a freight train of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad was coming down the side of the mountain near Marshall Pass, side of the mountain near Marshall Pass, the air brakes failed. After a two-mile run, and gaining a speed of not less than fifty miles an hour the engine jumped the track, followed by twenty cars. The engine and cars are a complete wreck. The engineer and fireman jumped and saved their lives, but were badly bruised. The head brakeman was buried under the wreck. The conductor and rear brakeman succeeded in detaching and stopping the rear car. rear brakeman succeed stopping the rear car.

Methodist Sanday-School Celebration. BALTIMORE, December 14.—The pulpits of all the Methodist churches in this city were occupied to-day by delegates to the were occupied to-day by delegates to the Centenary Conference. In the afternoon there was a Sunday-school celebration. Twenty-five thousand children participated. It was held in twenty-one churches, fifteen white, representing forty-three congregations, and six colored, representing thirteen congregations.

Ninety-Nine Years in the Penitentiary. SHERMAN, TEX., December 14.—The jury in the Allison murder case rendered a verdict at midnight last night, sentencing Allitiary. Allison, in company with George Belk and Chas. Cole, all white, called a negro, George Allen, out of his house at midnight and killed him, and then burned the negro church. Cole escaped. Belk will be tried for murder and arson.

How He Will Use His Money. PHILADELPHIA, December 14.—The Press will to-morrow publish an article stating that a saloon-keeper of this city, who claims to have been made a millionaire by the death of a Cuban uncle, has written to O'Donovan Rosa saying that as soon as he received his money he would give \$100,000 for "scientific" warfare against England

A Police Justice Cremated. St. Marys, Kas., December 14 .- Alva Higbee, Police Judge, missing since the fire yesterday, was found in the ruins today. Nothing but some charred bones re-mained unconsumed. He was easily iden-tified by the key of the city calaboose

sioner General Moorehead, of the World's Exposition, who will represent the Board of Management at the Executive Mansion on Tuesday, when President Arthur starts the machinery in the building by electricity, has invited to be present on that occasion the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and the New England States, as well as the Mayors of the principal cities of those States. The District of Columbia will be represented by a number of distinguished cities of the processing the states of the processing the pro Recruiting the Blue Ribbon Army. PITTSBURGH, December 14.—The Murphy emperance revival, started here two weeks ago, is growing rapidly. Six thousand have already joined the blue ribbon army.

At a meeting to-night nearly 7,000 persons
were present, and 1,100 signed the pledge.

Railway Agent's Safe Robbed. CAIRO, ILL., December 14.—The safe in ne agent's office of the N. C. & St. L. R.R

at Dresden, Tenn., was broken open last night and \$1,000 taken. Two hundred dol-lars reward is offered for the arrest of the **Business Depression.** DETROIT, MICH., December 14.—It is said there are now fully ten thousand men out

of employment in this city, and many mor whose time and pay have been reduced The only interests not affected are tobacc uanufactures, furriers and brewers.

ZANESVILLE, O., December 14 .- Andrew Taylor drove his team over a twelve foot embankment near this city, and sustained fatal injuries by falling beneath the horse

-Rates for living were never higher in Washington than they are now. A Senator who has to live upon his salary went to one of the up-town hotels and sked for rates for himself, wife, and daughter. He wanted a sitting room and two bed rooms. The amiable hotel proprietor said he could accomwith the room and board odate desired on the fifth floor for \$140 a week. But that is more than my salary. "I can't help that," said the landlord 'We have no trouble in getting these This same Senator tried for ooms in a fashionable flat, and found that on the top floor he could get four small rooms for \$250 a month. This

did not include board. - Washington -A small volcano has been discovered in Steubenville, O. Several years ago a fill was made near the upper blast furnace, composed of slack coal, cinder and hot slag from the furnace. A wagon passing over the road broke through, revealing a smoldering fire which is now known to have been burning for three years. Several parties have noticed smoke at times issuing from fissures in the earth. The fire had about reached the surface, leaving only a crust of earth and slag to hold up that portion of the street.—Cleveland Leader.

-Investigation has developed that the ascinating game of "poker" was invented somewhere about 1846-7 by a Mr. Kirkman, of Tennessee, a turfman of some note. The game of straight or lain poker, of course, dates further back. "Draw" may now be said to be the National game. - Boston Post.

The locomotive El Gobernado, built at the railroad works at Sacramento, has been sent down to the Tehachipi pass. Its weight is considerably more than one hundred tons, and it has ten large drivers, five on a side. It was named after Governor Stanford. -San Francisco Call.

## XLVIH. CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—SENATE.—Mr Hale called up the naval appropriation bill

WASHINGTON, December 10 .- SENATE. - Mr

Sherman presided over the Senate to-day. The Chair laid before the Senate an invita-

resolution was offered favoring an amend

nent requiring that treaties which concern

matters of revenue be considered in open ses-sion. Discussion on the Oregon Central land forfeiture bill and the Dakota bill occupied much of the day. A joint resolution was passed fixing February 21 for the ceremonies connected with the completion of the Wash-ington monument. Adjourned until Mon-day.

House.—A concurrent resolution was pre-sented providing for a committee of fiv-depresentatives and three Senators of the

A Notable Incident.

sented by a number of distinguished cons, with the ladies of their households.

Reuben Springer's Will.

CINCINNATI, December 14.—Reuben R. Springer, the philanthropist, in his will, bequeaths to the Archbishop in trust for charities, \$200,000; an additional endowment to the College of Music of \$2,500 per annum. To the Music Hall Association he leaves an Additional income of \$5 000 per annum. His

additional income of \$5,000 per annum. His two female servants receive \$25,000 jointly, and his coachman \$10,000 and his horses,

To Lobby Against the Spanish Treaty.

NEW YORK, December 14.-The Execu

the purpose of opposing the ratification of the Spanish treaty.

Cleveland's Plurality.

Washington, December 14.—Cleveland's plurality over Blaine, according to the returns, is 26,093.

EVERGREENS.

Their Use for Decorating at Christm

Time-The Christmas Trec.

The use of the Christmas tree, with

its fruit of presents, is recent in En-

gland, and was introduced from Ger-

many a few years ago. There is great

dispute about its origin, whether in

India, or whether it does not represent

the tree Yggdrasil, or world tree-the

ash tree of existence of Scandinavian

mythology. But the use of evergreens in England is as old as the days when

the Druids brought the mistletoe from

the woods with solemn ceremony. In

also the parish churches, were decked

with holm, ivy, bays, and whatever the season of the year afforded to be green,

and the conduits and standards in the

streets (a hint for the present telegraph

companies) were likewise garnished. In

the year 1444 he says there was on the 1st of February a great tempest of thunder and lightning, which set Paul's

steeple on fire; and at Leadenhall, in

Cornhill, a standard of wood which was

set up in the pavement and nailed full

of holm and ivy was torn up and cast

down by the malignant spirit (as was

thought). On Christmas eve, at the

time the Yule-log was brought in and

lighted with the last year's brand, it was

customary to decorate the windows of

every house, in cottage and hall, with bay, laurel, ivy and holly leaves. An

English gypsy told Mr. Charles G. Le-land the reason for using evergreens on Christmas. It is this: "The ivy and

holly and pine tree never told a word

where our Saylour was hiding Himself,

and so they keep alive all winter, and

look green all the year. But the ash, like the oak, told of Him when He was

hiding, so they have to remain dead

through the winter. And so we gypsies

per's Magazine.

s burn an ash fire every Great '-Charles Dudley Warner, in Har-

Stowe's time every man's house,

ive Committee of the Cigar-makers' Unio

at a meeting this afternoon, appointed committee of five to go to Washington

WASHINGTON, December 14.— Commis-sioner General Moorehead, of the World's

e not in session.

The Chair laid before the Senate an invitation to that body from the Commissioners of

STATE NEWS ITEMS. CHARLES MASON committed suicide at WASHINGTON, December 8.—SENATE.—The hair laid before the Senate a letter from the Tenice, Erie County, by taking aconite Financial embarrassment was the cause Postmaster General, recommending a larger elerical force at the Postoffice. When the Deceased leaves a wife and two grown

clerical force at the Postoffice. When the Chair laid before the Senate the naval appropriation bill recently passed by the House, Mr. Hale explained that it was a mere renewal for the coming half year of the lump appropriation made last session, based on the appropriation of last year. He thought the Senate should take up and refer to the new Conference Committee on the regular appropriation bill which was the subject of conference at the close of last session, especially as that bill contained an important provision relating to new ships. Mr. Mitchell read a letter from General Grant relating to the bill recently introduced to give him a pension. General Grant expresses the hope that the bill will be withdrawn, as under no circumstances could he accept a pension even if the bill passed both Houses and the approval of the President. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had introduced the bill because he was Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, and the President had recommended a pension for General Grant. He, Mitchell, had always felt that General Grant ought to be placed where he was when, to accept the Presidency, he hald down the great office he had won in the war. In deference to General Grant's wishes, Mr. Mitchell withdrew the bill. Over \$55,000 worth of hogs have died from cholera in Madison County this fall and the disease is spreading. Farmers are selling at any price to save at least somehing from the wreck. THE Connotton Valley Railroad station at Navarre was robbed of \$200 the other

night, the burglars having successfully worked the combination of the safe. A PARKER belonging at Miller's Station twenty-eight years of age, while intoxiated lay down on the track at Cadiz June tion, and had both legs cut off by a freight going west.

An unusual occurrence happened in the Common Pleas Court, the other day, at Steubenville, Judge Hance presiding. A divorce was granted to Emma Rine from Joshua Rine. Their marriage had been a Mr. Mitchell withdrew the bill.

House.—Mr. Keifer, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the military academy appropriations, reported the military academy appropriation bill. Referred to the Committee of the Whole. The speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, asking an appropriation of \$100,000 for railroad postal car service for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Referred. Bills introduced and referred. Proposing a constitutional amendment providing that treaties shall be made by and with the consent of the House as well as the Senate. To amend the act making a loan to aid in the celebration of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition.

Washington, December 9.—Senate.—Mr. forced one, Rine never living with her Entering suit for divorce, he agreed to narry her as soon as the divorce was granted. The minister and friends were present, but the expected groom failed to appear. When the Judge heard it, he found the woman in tears, and indignantly destroyed the copy of the decree and ordered the clerk to expunge the record from the docket on the ground of fraud on the part of Rine. Both Judge and attorney are

ndignant. CAPTAIN JAMES L. RUFFIN, ex-Chief of Police of Cincinnati, well-known through-out the State, died at his home in that city, a few days ago, quite wealthy. He had been suffering from two paralytic strokes for over six weeks. He leaves no children. His wife survives him.

JACOB WANNAMAKER, a brakeman on the C. & P. Railway, fell between two cars near Bridgeport, and was killed. Mr. George Rust, while at work in the Ohio Oil Mill in Harshmanville, was struck with a heavy lever that was caught in rapidly revolving spur-wheel. It struck him in the face, breaking his nose and ser-

ously lacerating and bruising his face. A NEWSPAPER controversy at Defiance which has existed for six months, culmin-ated in a personal encounter the other day, between the editors, but the interposition of friends prevented any blood-letting.

Washington, December 9.—Senate.—Mr. Hale called up the naval appropriation bill, which at the close of last session was in the bands of the Conference Committee, and as to which that committee reported it had been unable to agree. He moved the Senate further insist on its amendments, and order a new conference. So ordered. Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to provide for the erection of a statue in memory of Lafayette. Mr. Slater called up the Oregon Central land forfeiture bill, but the Senate, by a vote of 29 yeas to 30 nays, refused to consider it. It was then decided, by a party vote of yeas 34, nays 25, to take up the bill for the admission of Dakota, the Republicans voting in the affirmative and the Democrats in the negative.

HOUSE.—Mr. Chalmers introduced a bill to restore a republican form of Government to the State of Mississippi. Referred. It provides that Congressional and State elections shall be held the same day in that State. Each candidate for Congress shall be permitted to appoint in writing one inspector and one clerk at each voting precinct, who shall be permitted to witness all proceedings. It is made a crime punishable with fine and imprisonment for any person to assault, intimidate, threaten, or insult, any inspector or clerk. In consideration of the inter-State commerce bill having been resumed, Mr. Barksdale addressed the House in constitutional argument in support of the right of Congress to legislate on the subject. ALFRED W. BEARDSLEY, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, was picked up dead on the Eaton pike, near the institu-tion, the other morning. He was found ly-ing in the middle of the pike. There were no marks of violence on his person. He has a wife and child living near the Home, tion to that body from the Commissioners of the New Orleans Exposition to participate in the opening of the Exposition on the 18th inst. The communication was laid on the table. That being the usual formal disposi-tion of such documents in the Scnate when no special or immediate disposition is de-manded by any Senator. The House joint resolution for continuing the work of the census bureau passed. and spent part of the evening with them Where he went to from there is not known His death is supposed to have been caused by exposure in the rough weather. An organized band of thieves is working

THOMAS DETTER, a young man nineteer HOUSE.—The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Representative Scales, of North Carolina, announcing his resignation, to take effect December 30. Tabled. The House went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Cox, of New York, in the Chair) on the Military Academy Appropriation Bill. years of age, was run over by a train of cars at Cleveland and cut to pieces. Supposed suicide. BURGLARS broke into E. W. Roberts

hardware store at Shelby, and got away with \$100 worth of cutlery. A REDUCTION of ten per cent. per ton for ining screened coal has been ordered at Bustard's shaft, Steubenville. Miners are digging at seventy cents per ton. They had just returned to work after a long

TROS. PRICE was crushed to death by fall of slate in the Dabney coal mine, near Pomeroy.

AT Akron, a few days ago, a special Representatives and three Senators of the next Congress to investigate the capacity of the canals of Maryland. The resolution was adoped calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information relative to the fees of claim agents in the pension cases. On motion of Mr. Weaver, the Senate bill was passed authorizing the First National Bank of Omaha to increase its capital stock.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—SENATE.—Sen-Grand Jury returned an indictment of mur-der in the first degree against Robert Mc-Lister, who, on the evening of November 29 last, shot and killed Joseph Welsh in a saloon in Dennison.

GOVERNOR HOADLY has decided not to WASHINGTON, December 12 .- SENATE .- Sen- interfere with the death sentence of John B. Hoffman, convicted at Cincinnati of the murder of his son.

washington, December 12.—Senate.—Senate not in session.

House.—On motion of Mr. Ellis the concurrent resolution passed, reciting that the exigencies of the public service prevent the attendance of Congress at the opening of the World's Industrial and Cotton Exposition at New Orleans; that the President has decided to open the Exposition by telegraph, and start the machinery therof by electricity from the Executive Mansion, in the presence of his Cabinet and foreign representatives, and requesting the President of the Senate together with a committee of thirteen Senators and the Speaker of the House, with one Representative or delegate from each State or twritory to attend at the Executive Mansion, Tuesday, December 16, at 12:30, to witness on behalf of the Congress of the United States the opening of the Exposition by the President, and dresses of congratulation as may seem appropriate to the occasion. Adjourned until Monday. HIRAM, a young son of Frank Andrews, of Champion, Trumbull County, fell into a cistern the other night and was drowned efore help could arrive.

THE body of Wm. Batson, of Newark who has been missing since November 30, was found floating in the Licking Reservoir, that city. A FARMER named Wm. Leshner, living

ive miles from Dayton, was awakened by great noise in his hog-pen, the oth night. He got up and went out with revolver in hand, and discovered a large animal in the pen. The hog was killed, his head being torn nearly off. Leshner fired two shots, when the animal turned on him. Leshner escaped to the house, got a shotgun, and fired from the door. The animal returned to the hog-pen and killed two more hogs. Leshner had no ammunition and while moulding bullets, the neighbors who were also aroused by the noise of th pigs, came to his rescue. The animal fled the woods. As nearly as could be seen in the dark it resembled a panther. Footmarks this morning were undoubtedly those

scoured for the animal. An additional charge has been filed against T. C. Campbell, Esq., on trial in Cincinnati for disbarment for unprofes sional conduct, alleging that he aided one of the Berner jurors to elade his bondsmen and escape from the jurisdiction of the

Court. BURGLARS entered the clothing store of J. C. Bryants, at Dresden, the other night, nd carried away between \$200 and \$300 worth of clothing, shoes, etc. This is the second time they have visited him within the past two months.

THE condition of County Treasure reene, of Sandusky County, is not imoved, and at times he is very violent Application has been made for his admis sion to the Asylum at Newburg. The County Commissioners have appointed Frank J. Gietzel as Treasurer, and an examination of the books is being made. It s believed that Greene's accounts with th county are all right. A FARMER named John G. Shontle

aged seventy-nine years, was killed at Findlay, a few days ago, by a train on the Lake Eric and Western Railroad. It is hought he threw himself in front of the train, which was running at the rate of ifty miles an hour. REUBEN R. SPRINGER, Cincinnati's grea hilanthropist and founder of the Cincin-

nati Music Hall, died on the morning of the 0th, after three days' illness. His death was occasioned by sudden paralysis of the heart. A peaceful life has ended in a peaceful death. THE Cincinnati Dessicating establishment, at Cincinnati, burned the other night, entailing a loss of \$30,000. BILLLE GUGIN, a Baltimore and Ohio local

make a coupling his foot caught in a frog and held him fast until seven cars passed over his body. PROF. I. J. OSBURN, of Dennison University. Granville, died of typhoid fever the ther evening. JAMES SHUART, living near Cable, committed suicide by hanging on account of

financial embarrassment. Tolebo, Columbus, Sandusky and Woos ter will each send a crack company to the naugural next March. THE flint glass manufacturers of Bellaire employing 5,000 men, will reduce wage twenty per cent.

THE hog cholera is devastating the herds n Champaign County, and it is estimated that eighty per cent. of the hogs of the county have already died. AUGUST SPRINGER, of New Philadelphia was shot and instantly killed by Reuben Dry. Springer forced his way into Dry

THE Trustees of the Girls' Industria Home, Delaware, elected Captain J. M. Crawford to succeed Dr. Miller as Superin tendent. FRANK NAY, sentenced at Newark, in 1883, to two years' imprisonment in the

nome at midnight.

Discovery in Æronautics.

A German engineer, named Fisher has made an important discovery in seronautics, by which he is enabled to condense or expand the gas in a bal-loon. The agent he employs is com-pressed carbonic acid, with the help of which he can ascend or descend at which he can ascend or descend at pleasure. This perpendicular movement puts it in the power of the zero-naut to go up or down until he finds a current of air moving in the horizontal direction he wishes. Military critics attribute great importance to this discovery, because in time of war a balloon will be able to reach the enemy's territory and ascend again without reterritory and ascend again without requiring a fresh supply of gas.—Boston

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